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SUBJECT: VERIFICATION/COMPLETENESS CHECK – DIMOCK, PA LABORATORY DATA
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INTRODUCTION

On February 14, 2012, a review of the case narratives and corresponding certificates of analysis from the EPA R3 (Metals and Glycols Report Posted Feb 11)) was reviewed at the SERAS facility in accordance with the Follow-Up Verification/Completeness Check agreed upon during our teleconference on Wednesday 2/8/12.

The assumptions for this review include the following: 1) Case narratives from the Regional labs and/or subcontract labs have been reviewed in accordance with Regional or Environmental Services Assessment Team (ESAT) protocols and contain all pertinent and complete information to conduct the completeness check. SERAS will base this review on the information provided by the laboratory and not on an actual data package; and 2) SERAS will relay any “red” flags to the EPA R3 personnel to resolve and determine data usability.

OBSERVATIONS

In accordance with Table 1 – Field and QC Sampling Summary (Rev01 - 2/3/12), Table 2 – Sample Analytical Requirements Summary (Rev01 – 2/3/12), Methods for Groundwater and Surface Water Samples and the R3 SOPs R3QA159-021511 for ICP, R3QA-116-021511 for ICP-MS and ASTM D 7731-11/EPA SW-846 8321 for glycols, the following observations were noted and need to be clarified/resolved.

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1. Table 1 – Field and QC Sampling Summary lists mercury as a metal of interest. No data are reported for mercury in this file.
2. The requested RL on the Methods for Surface Waters and Groundwaters lists the RL for Uranium as 10 µg/L. The laboratory reported 1.0 µg/L. Verify that the RL reported is correct.
3. For the LCS and MS reported with Batch 22503, uranium is not reported for either the LCS or MS even though uranium is reported for the field samples and a duplicate result if available for uranium. Verify that this was not a laboratory oversight.
4. There is no explanation for the “J” flag reported for manganese for sample HW02z in the case narrative. It is not known if this result exceeded linear range or there is another explanation that is not apparent.

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5. Due to lack of project action limits, it was noted that several metals exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs): Iron for samples HW02, HW02z, HW05, HW06 and HW12; manganese for samples HW02, HW02z, HW06, HW02z-F, HW02-F, HW08a-F, HW08a, HW12 and HW12-F; and aluminum for sample HW06.
6. There were several non-typical metals that were detected in some of the drinking water samples for which no MCLs are available: Strontium for samples HW04, HW04-F, HW02, HW02z, HW-01, HW05, HW06, HW06-F, HW02z-F, HW01-F, HW02-F, HW05-F, HW12, HW17 and HW17-F; uranium for samples HW04, HW04-F, HW02, HW02z, HW05, HW06, HW06-F, HW02z-F, HW02-F, HW05-F, HW12, HW17 and HW17-F; boron for samples HW06, HW06-F, HW24, HW24-P, HW12, HW12-F, HW24-PF and HW24-F; and lithium for samples HW06, HW06-F, HW24 and HW24-P.
7. For glycols, the case narrative states that all applicable OASQA On Demand QA/QC protocols were followed. It is not apparent if the data were qualified by the laboratory based on precision and accuracy data since no QC data are available in the laboratory report.
8. It is assumed that all required instrument QC in the method was run and was within the criteria listed in the EPA R3 SOPs since this information is not available in the laboratory report.

During the review of this file, it was noted that copies of COC 3-043013577-012412-0012, 3-043013577-012412-0013 and 3-043013577-012412-0014 are not available in the COC folder on the ftp site. It was also noted that samples HW08a and HW08a-F for metals were requested on both COC 3-043013577-012712-0006 and 3-043013577-012712-0002. The laboratory noticed this discrepancy and analyzed the samples only once.

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